

OUTLANDER FILM LOCATIONS

SEASON ONE, TWO & THREE

Craigh na Dun or Castle Leoch may have been a figment of Outlander author Diana Gabaldon's imagination, but this fascinating world of standing stones, romantic castles and sweeping scenery was inspired by real places and heritage. Not only that, the TV adaptation was filmed partly on location in Scotland. Follow this map and discover the sites in Scotland that double for the fictional land of Claire and Jamie.

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GLENCOE

Season 1 opening credits

One of the highlights of any trip to Scotland, the spectacular Glencoe is a world-famous Scottish landmark and features in Outlander's opening credits. The wonderful world of Glencoe, located by the 'Outdoor Capital of the UK', Fort William, charms with its high mountain peaks, ridges, rushing rivers and waterfalls. Not far away, just past Fort William, is the legendary Glenfinnan Monument where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard and started the Jacobite Rising of 1745.



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HIGHLAND FOLK MUSEUM

Season 1

Replicas of 18th century turf-roofed Highland crofts at the Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore made the ideal choice for period scenes, including when Dougal collects the rent. Visit to learn how Scottish Highlanders lived, built their homes, dressed and more.



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GEORGE SQUARE

Season 1

The historic George Square in Glasgow is turned into a 1940s set to film Frank's spontaneous proposal to Claire. While you may not find old-fashioned vehicles and trench-coat wearing men when you visit, you will instantly feel as if you've stepped back in time as the area boasts many ornate buildings with fine period features.

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KINLOCH RANNOCH

Season 1

The idyllically-located area around Rannoch Moor in Perthshire is seen in the background as Claire and Frank enjoy their second honeymoon, following the end of the war. Why not take your own tour of the area and explore the awe-inspiring mountain scenery as enjoyed by the couple in the first episode?



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BO'NESS & KINNEIL RAILWAY

Season 1

The Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway was transformed into a wartime London railway station where Claire and Frank say their goodbyes. Tour this heritage railway and explore Scotland's largest railway museum, before taking advantage of the chance to board a preserved vintage steam train or diesel-hauled train.



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DOUNE CASTLE



Season 1

The stunning Doune Castle near Stirling plays a leading role in the show, substituting for the fictional Castle Leoch – home to Colum MacKenzie and his clan in the 18th century. It also features in the 20th century episode when Claire and Frank visit the castle in ruins on a day trip. Visit this once royal residence and picture the grand banquets that would have been held here.



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PRESTON MILL



Season 1

In the village of East Linton is the picturesque Preston Mill – one of the oldest, working, water-driven meal mills in Scotland. It provides the backdrop for a number of scenes during the Jacobite Risings. Tour the mill to see and hear the mechanisms in action, or catch an exhibition on the history of Preston Mill and the people who lived and worked here.



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TROON

Season 1

The quaint seaside town of Troon in Ayrshire is the setting for the scene where Claire, Jamie and Murtagh arrive at the coast and board a 17th century ship to deliver Jamie to France. Overlooking the Isle of Arran, Troon boasts stunning sandy beaches and is a wonderful destination for a relaxing seaside holiday.



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ABERDOUR CASTLE



Season 1

The delightful 12th century Aberdour Castle doubles as the fictional monastery where Claire and Murtagh bring Jamie to recover after his ordeal at the prison; the Old Kitchen and Long Gallery were used for filming. Situated on the Fife coast, this splendid ruined castle was once a luxurious Renaissance home, and is amongst the oldest standing masonry castles in Scotland.



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GLENCORSE OLD KIRK

Season 1

The charming Glencorse Old Kirk near Edinburgh, nestled in the grounds of Glencorse House in the foothills of the picturesque Pentland Hills, is where Claire and Jamie tie the knot. With its lush parkland, lake and splendid garden, it's a wonderfully atmospheric venue, if not one of the most romantic wedding venues imaginable for an Outlander fan.



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LINLITHGOW PALACE



Season 1

The entrance and corridors of this ruined palace are used as Wentworth Prison where Jamie is imprisoned. Once a favoured royal residence of the Stewart kings and queens and the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots, this wonderful 15th century site, with its elegant courtyard, still oozes charm and glamour. Tour it for a great insight into what life in such a vast palace must have been like.



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BALGONIE CASTLE

Season 1

Nestled in the heart of Fife, this atmospheric, medieval castle features as Eldridge Manor, the home of the MacRannoch's where Claire is brought after being rescued from the wolves and where she hatches a plan to set Jamie free involving Sir Marcus' prized Highland cattle. Visit this working living castle for a peek of what life was once like.



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TIBBERMORE CHURCH

Season 1

Set in a fascinating walled graveyard, this characterful rural church with medieval origins near Perth is known as Cranesmuir Church and hosts the scene of the infamous witch trial. Visit to step back in time and stand in Claire and Geillie's fictional footsteps in the pulpit – if you dare! Note: There is no parking available at the church – please show consideration for other road users when parking nearby.



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BLACKNESS CASTLE



Season 1 & 2

Standing looking out over the Firth of Forth near Edinburgh is the impressive Blackness Castle, often referred to as 'the ship that never sailed' due to its ship-like shape. This 15th century fortress provides the setting for the Fort William headquarters of Black Jack Randall, as well as featuring in the heart-wrenching scene of Jamie's incarceration.



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POLLOK COUNTRY PARK

Season 1 & 2

Pollok Country Park in Glasgow doubles as the grounds surrounding the fictional Castle Leoch (S1). The park also stands in for the French countryside that the characters travel through between Le Havre and Paris (S2). Explore this extensive woodland area – it was once voted the best park in Britain and Europe!

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HOPETOUN HOUSE

Season 1, 2 & 3

One of the finest examples of Scotland's grand architecture, the splendid Hopetoun House near South Queensferry doubles as the stately home of the Duke of Sandringham (S1); provides the backdrop for Parisian streets, the spare room in Jamie and Claire's Paris apartment, and the Hawkins Estate (S2) and Ellesmere and the stables at Helwater (S3). Interesting fact: in real life the house is vast compared to how it appears in the TV show as some of its wings were digitally erased.

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FALKLAND

Season 1 & 2



You can recreate one of the first scenes of the TV series in the town of Falkland in Fife, which substitutes for 1940s (S1) and 1960s (S2) Inverness. The Covenanter Hotel stands in for the cosy Mrs. Baird's Guesthouse; the Bruce Fountain is where the ghost of Jamie looks up at Claire's room; Fayre Earth Gift Shop doubles as Farrell's Hardware and Furniture Store; and Campbell's Coffee House and Eatery is Campbell's Coffee Shop in the show.



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CULROSS

Season 1 & 2



The rustic town of Culross in Fife is a unique example of what a town in Scotland would have looked like during the 17th and 18th centuries. The town's Mercat Cross area is transformed into the fictional village of Cranesmuir where Geillis lives, and behind the impressive Culross Palace is where Claire's herb garden at Castle Leoch is located (S1). The town also lends its backdrop to the Jacobite encampment and makeshift hospital scenes (S2).



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DYSART HARBOUR

Season 2

The picturesque harbour of Dysart with the Harbourmaster's House has been transformed to portray the French port of Le Havre in the 1740s where Jamie and Claire land when they escape to France. It is also where the St. Germain's Warehouse is based. Situated right on the Fife Coastal Path, Dysart Harbour near Kirkcaldy is part of a conservation area retaining many original buildings.



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MUIRAVONSIDE COUNTRY PARK

Season 2

Located between Linlithgow and Falkirk, the park lends its backdrop to the dramatic Battle of Prestonpans, and doubles as a British encampment and the English countryside. Visit and lose yourself in acres of woodland and parkland, follow the River Avon Heritage Trail to see relics of industrial archaeology, and explore the spectacular river gorge.

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THE REAPER TALL SHIP

Season 2

The Reaper is a historic two-masted sailing lugger that appears as one of the vessels in Dysart Harbour, seen in Outlander as the port of Le Havre. Restored to her original glory, she's one of the last authentic survivors of this type of vessel. She's berthed in Anstruther harbour and is cared for by the Scottish Fisheries Museum and its volunteers. Note: access to the ship should be arranged in advance.

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CALENDAR HOUSE

Season 2

Steeped in history, this large and gorgeously decorated 14th century house – set within the grounds of the historic landscape of Callendar Park in Falkirk – is a real architectural gem. The authentic Georgian working kitchen was used as part of the home of the Duke of Sandringham, Bellhurst Manor. Take a tour of the house, its grand rooms, magnificent sweeping staircases, and splendid lawns.



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DEAN CASTLE

Season 2

Scenically set in a wooded glen in Kilmarnock, the 14th century castle stands in for Beaufort Castle near Beaulieu in the Highlands. Claire and Jamie visit Lord Lovat at the castle to persuade him to send his men to aid Charles Stuart. Whilst Dean Castle remains closed for restoration, you can explore the grounds and find out more about the castle's history or visit the castle collections at the nearby Dick Institute Museum and Gallery.



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DRUMMOND CASTLE GARDENS

Season 2

Standing in for the ornate park and orchard of the Palace of Versailles in France, the stunning Drummond Gardens near Crieff are one of Europe's finest examples of a formal garden. Designed in the Italian parterre style, the gardens are approached by a mile-long driveway of beech trees that leads to the imposing walls of Drummond Castle. Look out for the peacocks which lend an aristocratic air to the garden's scenery! Note: the castle isn't open to the public.


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DEANSTON DISTILLERY

Season 2

Set at the entrance to the dramatic Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, and housed in a former cotton mill, Deanston Distillery provides the setting for Jamie's cousin's wine warehouse on the docks of Le Havre. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the distillery to discover the centuries-old tradition of the whisky distilling process.

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DRUMLANRIG CASTLE

Season 2

This magnificent 17th century castle boasts over 40 acres of beautiful gardens set near Thornhill in Dumfries & Galloway. The exterior, living rooms and bedrooms became Bellhurst Manor, including one bedroom once slept in by Bonnie Prince Charlie on his way north to Culloden. Explore the Renaissance castle to see spectacular collections of silver, French furniture and art.

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LOCH KATRINE

Season 2

Loch Katrine – the inspiration and setting for Sir Walter Scott's poem The Lady of the Lake – is the quintessential Trossachs landscape. Soak up the peace and tranquillity like Rodger MacKenzie take a sail on the Steamship Sir Walter Scott, cycle along the beautiful oak-laced shore and walk in the nearby hills – perfect if you're up for a get-away-from-it-all break.



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GLASGOW CATHEDRAL

Season 2



The crypt of this imposing medieval cathedral doubles as L'Hopital Des Anges in Paris where Claire volunteers to work. The cathedral has a rare timelessness to it and is a stunning example of Gothic architecture; it boasts one of the finest post-war collections of stained glass windows in Britain, and is also one of the few Scottish medieval churches to have survived the Reformation unscathed.

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GOSFORD HOUSE

Season 2 & 3

Originally designed by one of Scotland's greatest architects, Robert Adam, the pleasure gardens and woodlands that surround this lavishly decorated house – which borders on the palatial – double as the Palace of Versailles in France (S2) and Helwater and Ellesmere (S3). Note: part of the grounds are available for public use but the house is only open for visiting on certain days of the year. Please check before you travel.

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GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

Season 3

Glasgow University doubled for Harvard University where Frank taught. Established in 1451, Glasgow University is the 4th oldest university in the English-speaking world and the second largest example of Gothic Revival architecture in Britain.



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CRAIGMILLAR CASTLE

Season 3



The ruined medieval castle of Craigmillar in Edinburgh plays the role of Ardsmuir Prison, the place of Jamie's incarceration. Visit the castle to admire the views across Edinburgh. Interesting fact: Mary Queen of Scots used the castle as a safe-haven in 1566.

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SIGNET LIBRARY

Season 3

The stunning interior of the Signet Library in the centre of Edinburgh's Old Town was transformed into the Governor's Mansion in Jamaica. The library is home to the prestigious Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet (also known as the WS Society) which dates to the 15th century. The 'writers' of documents sealed them with 'the Signet', the private seal of the Scottish kings. Why not enjoy afternoon tea in the Colonnades and relax in the elegant surroundings.

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KELVINGROVE PARK

Season 3

The beautiful Kelvingrove Park in Glasgow doubles for the Boston Park where Claire frequently takes walks. Visit the park with its many statues, monuments and varied wildlife and the nearby Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.



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BAKEHOUSE CLOSE

Season 3

Bakehouse Close just off Edinburgh's Royal Mile is the setting for Jamie's Print Shop and where we see Claire reunited with Jamie after years of separation. This is one of the best-preserved closes in the city and was transformed into busy 18th century Edinburgh for exterior shots of the Print Shop. Why not visit the fascinating Museum of Edinburgh next door.



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TWEEDDALE COURT

Season 3

The hustle and bustle of the market where Claire was reunited with Fergus was filmed in Tweeddale Court. The entrance to this time capsule of a street is from the historic Royal Mile. Take time to explore one of the oldest parts of Edinburgh.

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DUNURE HARBOUR

Season 3

The little harbour in the village of Dunure in Ayrshire stands in for Ayr Harbour as Claire and Jamie leave Scotland in pursuit of Young Ian. Less than a mile away is Dunure Castle that featured as Silkie Island.

